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SUBJECT:YARG INTENTION TO ACCEPT SOVIET MILITARY AID

REF: (A) CAIRO 6660; (B) STATE 158879; (C) SANA 1755

1. FOR CAIRO: WE BELIEVE IT HIGHLY IMPORTANT THAT YEMENIS BEAR THEIR OWN TIDINGS TO THEIR NEIGHBORS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE. OUR SUGGESTION (REF B) THAT GOE MIGHT BE HELPFUL WITH SAG WAS PREDICATED ON ASSUMPTION THAT YARG COULD BE CONVINCED OF THE PRUDENCE OF ITS INFORMING GOE DIRECTLY OF ITS INTENTIONS. THEREFORE YOU SHOULD NOT VOLUNTEER TO FAHMY JULY 6 THAT WE HAVE INFORMATION ABOUT YARG INTENTIONS VIS-A-VIS SOVIETS; IF AS MATTERS DEVELOP OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS IT BECOMES DESIRABLE FOR US TO PLAY A MORE DIRECT AND ACTIVE ROLE IN BRINGING THE

VARIOUS PARTIES TOGETHER, WE WILL ASK YOU TO ALERT GOE TO THE IMPENDING PROBLEM. SHOULD FAHMY RAISE ISSUE ALONG LINES REF C, YOU SHOULD INFORM HIM THAT WE HAVE SIMILAR INFORMATION, AND THAT WE ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED. YOU SHOULD INQUIRE WHAT EGYPTIANS ARE DOING ABOUT IT, AND SAY

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YOU ASSUME THEY HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH

SAG URGENTLY. WE WOULD OF COURSE WANT REMAIN IN CLOSE
CONTACT WITH THEM ON THIS ISSUE. BEGIN FYI: WE WILL
LOOK AGAIN AT THE POSSIBILITY OF YOUR DISCUSSING MATTER
WITH GOE WHEN WE HAVE HAD YARG REACTION TO SCOTES'
APPROACH (REF B). END FYI.

2. FOR SANA: DEPENDING ON COURSE OF YOUR DISCUSSION WITH
ASNAG, IF YOU THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL, YOU SHOULD SUGGEST
THAT GOE'S INTEREST IN SOUTH ARABIAN AFFAIRS, ITS CLOSE
RELATIONSHIP WITH SAG, AND ITS WELL-KNOWN CONCERN OVER
SOVIET ROLE IN THE REGION ARGUE STRONGLY FOR DIRECT EX-
CHANGE BETWEEN YARG AND GOE ON SANA'S INTENTIONS KISSINGER

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